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## **MORPC HIRES NEW LEADER**

### **William Murdock, AICP, named Executive Director**

**(Columbus – December 13, 2012)** The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) named William Murdock, AICP, as its new executive director at a starting salary of \$152,500. Murdock currently serves as the chief of community services at the Ohio Development Services Agency.

As executive director, Murdock will be responsible for carrying out MORPC's mission, strategic goals, policies and programs. He will oversee the overall management of MORPC including structure, personnel, finance and the implementation of policies and programs. Murdock will also represent the agency before a variety of government, business and stakeholder organizations across the region, state and nation. Murdock will assume his duties as executive director at the end of January 2013.

"William brings knowledge and expertise in the areas of planning and community services with a demonstrated record of high performance and innovation at both the local and state levels, which is critical as MORPC continues to grow and adapt to the changing needs of the region," said Marilyn Brown, chair, MORPC board of directors. "His focus on strengthening the value of MORPC to our region, partnered with his experience, innovative spirit and integrity, will amplify the voices of our members and take our work to the next level."

Murdock most recently served as the chief of community services at the Ohio Development Services Agency where he led the state's community programs, incentives and investments with an emphasis on redevelopment, energy efficiency, infrastructure and services to individuals and communities in need. He also had previously served as director of urban development for the Ohio Department of Development focused on key statewide programs for brownfield redevelopment and historic preservation.

From 2005 to 2008, Murdock was deputy director of planning and development for the city of Gahanna where he led economic development incentives, urban planning, building and zoning services, code enforcement, and redevelopment projects for the city.

"I have always been a strong supporter of MORPC's mission as well as its commitment to collaboration, economic development and sustainability," said William Murdock, AICP, executive director of MORPC. "This is an exciting time for central Ohio and I am honored to have an opportunity to lead MORPC and its team as it strives to keep our region vibrant and competitive."

Murdock, a Columbus native, received multiple degrees from The Ohio State University, including a B.S. in Economics, a B.A. in Political Science, a M.S. in Parks, Recreation, & Tourism Administration, and a Master of City & Regional Planning (M.C.R.P.). He also is a certified planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners, and holds certification from the National Development Council (NDC) as an Economic Development Financial Professional.

Designated as central Ohio's metropolitan planning agency, MORPC is a voluntary association of 42 local governments in central Ohio serving the region through planning, direct service, public policy information and innovative programming and intergovernmental coordinating services in the areas of transportation, land use, energy conservation, the environment and housing. For more information visit [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org).